

State of New Hampshire DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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LETTER OF DEFICIENCY WET 2004-032

August 9, 2004

Alan and Pearl Brown 15 River Rd Canaan, NH 03741

RE: DES Wetlands File #2004-01532, River Road, Canaan

Dear Mr. and Ms. Brown:

On June 23, 2004, personnel from the Department of Environmental Services ("DES") conducted an inspection of the above-referenced property, more specifically referenced on Town of Canaan Tax Map 9 as Lot 6A (the "Property"). The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with RSA 482-A and NH Code of Admin. Rules Wt 100-800.

During the inspection the following deficiency was documented:

1. Approximately 615 cubic yards of fill had been placed in an emergent wetland. DES has no record of a permit being issued for the fill at this location.

In response, you are requested to take the following actions:

- 1. By September 3, 2004, submit a restoration plan to DES for review and approval. Have the restoration plan prepared by a certified wetland scientist, and include provisions for restoring the wetlands on the Property. Submit the following with the restoration plan:
 - a. A plan with dimensions, drawn to scale, showing:
 - i. Existing conditions, with wetland boundaries; and
 - ii. Proposed conditions after re-establishing jurisdictional areas;
 - b. A detailed description of the proposed means of erosion control (silt fence, hay bales, etc.) and stabilization of the restored area;
 - c. A detailed description of the proposed planting plan for the stablization and revegetation of the restoration area and control of invasive species such as purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) and common reed (*Phragmites australis*);
 - d. A description of the proposed construction sequence and methods for accomplishing restoration and anticipated restoration date; and
 - e. A description of the method of documenting at least 75% survival of all vegetation planted during the restoration project. This should include at a minimum monitoring progress reports for one growing season following completion of the restoration project;

- 2. Retain a qualified wetland scientist to supervise the implementation of the restoration plan and submit the restoration progress report; and
- 3. Implement the restoration plan only after receiving written approval and as conditioned by DES.

RSA 482-A, the New Hampshire Wetlands law, was enacted to protect and preserve wetlands and surface waters from unregulated despoliation. Prior to dredging, filling, or construction in and adjacent to wetlands or surface waters, an individual is required to obtain a permit. If work is done without a permit, this is considered a violation of RSA 482-A. Failure to respond to this Letter of Deficiency in a timely and complete manner may be construed as noncompliance by the receiving party.

DES personnel may conduct another inspection at a later date to determine whether you have come into and are maintaining full compliance with the applicable statute and rules.

Issuance of this letter shall not preclude further enforcement by DES. Failure to comply with RSA 482-A will result in enforcement by DES, including but not limited to the issuance of fines, administrative orders, or referral to the New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General for prosecution of civil or criminal penalties. If an order is issued to you, it may also be recorded with the Registry of Deeds as an encumbrance against your property.

All documents submitted in response to this Letter of Deficiency should be addressed as follows:

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (603) 271-4056 or by e-mail at lmagoon@des.state.nh.us.

Sincerely,

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